

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

In accordance with the Examiner's request, non-elected Claims 1-6, 12-17, 20-23, and 25-37 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

Claim 7 has been revised to better conform to the written description, and thereby address the alleged insufficiency under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form with appropriate consideration having been paid to the Examiner's concerns under § 112, first paragraph.

The dependent claims have been revised in accordance with Applicant's intent and also to reflect changes to the base claims.

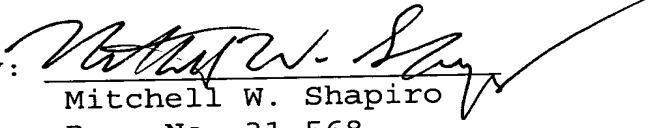
The objection to the drawings is moot in view of the claim amendments presented herein.

Accordingly, all claims are now in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests passage of this case to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10003) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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